



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PRE APPLICATION OF:

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111 AND AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 28, 2004, please enter the following amendments and consider the remarks made below. Submitted herewith is a Petition for an Extension of Time for 2 months from December 28, 2004 up to and including February 28, 2005 with fee by credit card. Please charge any required additional fee or credit overpayment to the Deposit Account of Syngenta Biotechnology Inc. no. 50-1744.